

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 4

Statistical Data for March 2007

May 2007

## March 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Non-Seasonally Adjusted)

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INDIANA  
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DEVELOPMENT

AREA	3/07	2/07	3/06
U.S.	4.5%	4.9%	4.8%
INDIANA	5.0%	5.3%	5.3%
EGR 4*	4.9%	5.2%	5.4%
Kokomo MSA**	5.9%	6.2%	6.8%
Lafayette MSA***	4.3%	4.5%	4.7%
Benton	4.7%	5.5%	5.5%
Carroll	4.5%	4.8%	5.7%
Cass	5.7%	6.1%	6.0%
Clinton	5.3%	5.7%	5.7%
Fountain	4.8%	5.0%	5.2%
Howard	6.0%	6.2%	7.0%
Miami	6.0%	6.4%	6.2%
Montgomery	4.2%	4.4%	4.5%
Tippecanoe	4.2%	4.4%	4.5%
Tipton	5.4%	6.2%	5.9%
Warren	3.9%	4.2%	4.6%
White	5.4%	5.9%	6.0%
Attica	3.8%	3.7%	4.2%
Crawfordsville	5.7%	6.0%	5.9%
Delphi	5.8%	6.3%	6.1%
Fowler	4.9%	5.6%	5.5%
Frankfort	6.7%	7.5%	7.0%
Kokomo	7.1%	7.3%	8.4%
Lafayette	4.5%	4.9%	5.0%
Logansport	6.6%	6.9%	6.5%
Monticello	6.5%	8.0%	7.8%
Peru	7.0%	7.7%	7.1%
Tipton	5.5%	6.5%	7.0%
Williamsport	3.3%	3.5%	5.1%

## REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally unchanged or lower in March. Overall, 30 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered increases, and 8 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 9 states, and unchanged in 5 states.

The Northeast and South registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions, 4.1 percent each. The Midwest again reported the highest rate, 4.7 percent. All four regions posted significantly lower unemployment rates in March than a year earlier. Montana recorded the lowest unemployment rate in March 2007, 2.0 percent. The states with the next lowest rates were Utah at 2.4 percent, Hawaii at 2.5 percent, and Nebraska and Wyoming at 2.6 percent each. Mississippi and Michigan again reported the highest unemployment rates, 6.9 and 6.5 percent, respectively.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

Rank	COUNTY	RATE
88	Warren	3.9%
80	Montgomery	4.2%
79	Tippecanoe	4.2%
75	Carroll	4.5%
64	Benton	4.7%
58	Fountain	4.8%
38	Clinton	5.3%
37	Tipton	5.4%
39	White	5.4%
23	Cass	5.7%
12	Miami	6.0%
7	Howard	6.0%

\*EGR 4 includes Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren and White counties

\*\*Kokomo MSA includes Howard and Tipton counties

\*\*\*Lafayette MSA includes Benton, Carroll and Tippecanoe counties

\*\*\* All unemployment rates used are non-seasonally adjusted

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics — Indiana Workforce Development

## SURROUNDING STATES MARCH 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (Preliminary Not-Seasonably Adjusted)

Illinois -4.5%   Kentucky -5.8%   Michigan -7.2%   Ohio -5.5%

# LAFAYETTE MSA

(Benton, Carroll, and Tippecanoe Counties)

## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	MAR 2007	FEB 2007	MAR 2006	FEB. MAR.	2007 TO 2007	MAR. MAR.	2006 TO 2007
Total Nonfarm	94,000	93,900	93,800	100	0.10%	200	0.20%
Total Private	66,500	65,800	65,900	700	1.10%	600	0.90%
Goods Producing	21,500	21,000	20,800	500	2.40%	700	3.40%
Service-Providing	72,500	72,900	73,000	-400	-0.50%	-500	-0.70%
Private Svc Provide	45,000	44,800	45,100	200	0.40%	-100	-0.20%
Mining & Construction	3,600	3,300	3,600	300	9.10%	0	0.00%
Manufacturing	17,900	17,700	17,200	200	1.10%	700	4.10%
Durable Goods	13,700	13,500	13,100	200	1.50%	600	4.60%
Non-Durable Goods	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.00%	100	2.40%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	14,600	14,600	14,300	0	0.00%	300	2.10%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Retail Trade	10,400	10,400	10,200	0	0.00%	200	2.00%
Trans,Warehouse, Utilities	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	0.00%	100	4.80%
Information	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	0.00%	-100	-2.70%
Professional and Business	5,000	4,900	5,000	100	2.00%	0	0.00%
Educational and Health	9,500	9,500	9,600	0	0.00%	-100	-1.00%
Leisure and Hospitality	8,300	8,200	8,400	100	1.20%	-100	-1.20%
Accommodation and Food	8,000	8,000	7,900	0	0.00%	100	1.30%
Other Services	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	0.00%	-100	-3.30%
Government	27,500	28,100	27,900	-600	-2.10%	-400	-1.40%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	20,000	20,500	20,400	-500	-2.40%	-400	-2.00%
Local Government	6,800	6,900	6,800	-100	-1.40%	0	0.00%
Local Govt Education	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	0.00%	100	2.40%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development,  
Research & Analysis CES

## TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Workforce Transition Unit

<u>Local Office</u>	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>Previous Yr % Change</u>
<u>Initial Claims</u>			
Lafayette	1,064	968	9.9%
Kokomo	1,799	1,418	26.9%
Indiana	28,505	28,580	-.3%
<u>Total Claims</u>			
Lafayette	13,086	11,388	-14.4%
Kokomo	9,743	12,026	8.8%
Indiana	310,135	292,533	6.0%

**On the Map** is a web-based, interactive mapping application. The objective is to show where people work and where workers live on maps with companion reports on their age, earnings, and industry distributions. The user can select a geographic area and answer questions such as:

- Where do workers live that are employed in the area?
- What are the workplace destinations for workers living in the selected community or neighborhood?
- How do the employment areas compare in terms of worker origin-destination patterns, workers' ages, monthly earnings, and industry?

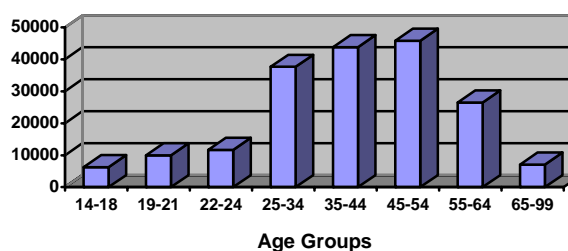
On the Map will be available for Indiana geographic areas beginning in August, 2007. For more information, please refer to:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/datatools/onthemap.html>

### LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

**Economic Growth Region 4 Total Employment by Age Groups, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006**



14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
6,294	9,988	11,640	37,667	43,854	45,853	26,473	7,068

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), Industry Focus, 1st quarter 2006.

### Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports



With gasoline prices setting new records every day, the only state in the country where the average prices for gas is still under \$3 a gallon is New Jersey. Oddly, it's one of only two states that require all its service stations to pump the gas for you (Steve Hargreaves, CNNMoney, [http://money.cnn.com/2007/05/22/news/economy/full\\_service/index.htm?postversion](http://money.cnn.com/2007/05/22/news/economy/full_service/index.htm?postversion)). "It shows you how little cost has to do with the price of gas," said Doug MacIntyre, senior oil and gasoline analyst at the Energy Information Administration. "This is local supply and demand conditions. "While refinery outages continue to plague the Midwest - Chicago now has higher gasoline prices than notoriously pricey San Francisco. New Jersey is benefiting from its four in-state refineries, all of which appear to be running just fine.

Accidents happen, and scientists want to know how we fall, according to an article in The Washington Post "Express" (May 21, page 29). "Last month's death of novelist Kurt Vonnegut, who had fallen in his home, underlines the dangers of taking a spill," it says. In fact, about a third of Americans 65 and older fall each year, the federal government says. In 2003, for example, some 1.8 million people over 65 were treated in emergency rooms after falling, and about 13,700 died. But falling is not just a problem of the elderly. In the workplace, about a quarter-million workers each year suffer injuries from falls that are bad enough to make them take time off, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

				CHANGE FROM			
				FEB. 2007		MARCH 2006	
	MAR	FEB	MAR	TO		TO	
	2007	2007	2006	MAR. 2007		MARCH 2007	
Total Nonfarm	46,900	46,600	47,600	300	0.60%	-700	-1.50%
Total Private	39,300	39,100	39,800	200	0.50%	-500	-1.30%
Goods Producing	16,400	16,400	16,700	0	0.00%	-300	-1.80%
Service-Providing	30,500	30,200	30,900	300	1.00%	-400	-1.30%
Private Srvc Provide	22,900	22,700	23,100	200	0.90%	-200	-0.90%
Mining & Construction	1,300	1,200	1,300	100	8.30%	0	0.00%
Manufacturing	15,100	15,200	15,400	-100	-0.70%	-300	-1.90%
Durable Goods	14,200	14,200	14,500	0	0.00%	-300	-2.10%
Transportation Equipme	11,400	11,600	12,200	-200	-1.70%	-800	-6.60%
Trade, Transportation,							
Utilities	7,600	7,500	7,300	100	1.30%	300	4.10%
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Retail Trade	5,800	5,700	5,500	100	1.80%	300	5.50%
Trans,Warehouse, Utilities	800	800	800	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Information	400	400	300	0	0.00%	100	33.30%
Financial Activities	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	0.00%	-100	-6.70%
Professional and Business							
Services	3,200	3,100	3,100	100	3.20%	100	3.20%
Educational and Health	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	0.00%	100	2.60%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,100	4,100	4,600	0	0.00%	-500	-10.90%
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,500	0	0.00%	-200	-8.00%
Government	7,600	7,500	7,800	100	1.30%	-200	-2.60%
Local Government	6,300	6,200	6,400	100	1.60%	-100	-1.60%
Local Govt Education	2,800	2,700	2,900	100	3.70%	-100	-3.40%

**Source:** Indiana Workforce  
Development, Research &  
Analysis CES

## WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

As of 5/14/2007

The Department of Workforce Development Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. *Wage Demand* provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants define as their wage expectations.

County/Region	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
Benton	\$37,119	\$20,800	166
Carroll	\$23,015	\$20,800	387
Cass	\$21,540	\$20,800	1,031
Clinton	\$23,859	\$20,800	662
Fountain	\$25,648	\$24,960	218
Howard	\$23,609	\$20,280	3,012
Miami	\$22,776	\$20,800	1,373
Montgomery	\$27,046	\$20,800	551
Tippecanoe	\$23,772	\$20,800	3,224
Tipton	\$28,731	\$21,840	353
Warren	\$24,212	\$20,800	79
White	\$26,230	\$20,800	553
<b>EGR 4</b>	<b>\$23,989</b>	<b>\$20,800</b>	<b>11,609</b>
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>\$26,190</b>	<b>\$20,800</b>	<b>127,149</b>

## REGION 4 APPLICANT POOL

As of 5/14/2007

Job Titles	Number of Applicants
Cashiers, General	1,241
Administrative Assistants	913
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,091
File Clerks	891
General Office Clerks	1,319
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	958
1st Line Supv : Production	1,016
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,129
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	996
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Operators	1,043
All Other Machine Operators	2,287
Electrical & Electronic Equipment Assembly	888
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,211
Machine Assemblers	1,057
Assemblers (Factory Work)	5,060
All Other Hand Workers	1,697
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,146
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,448
Production Laborers	3,920
Production Helpers	1,479

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## APPLICANT POOL

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed.